RICHARD A. BORN FUND
FOR MODERN AND ASIAN ART

Honoring the extraordinary legacy of an extraordinary curator, scholar, and mentor.

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The Richard A. Born Fund for Modern and Asian Art honors the extraordinary legacy of Smart Museum Senior Curator Richard A. Born, who retired in 2015. During his distinguished 35-year career at the Smart Museum, Richard served in key leadership roles, including Interim Chief Curator and Acting Director; curated well over 100 exhibitions; contributed vigorous scholarship to numerous articles and catalogues; and mentored generations of students.

The Fund for Modern and Asian Art celebrates and furthers Richard’s work building these two strengths of the Smart Museum’s collection. Contributions to the Fund will make possible new acquisitions and critical conservation work as well as other initiatives that activate the collections in unique ways and facilitate their use by faculty, students, and the public.

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